

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION**

JACOB MEEKS,

Petitioner,

v.

JENNIFER SACHSE,

Respondent.

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No. 4:14CV117 AGF

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

This matter is before the Court on Petitioner's petition for writ of habeas corpus. Petitioner, a Missouri inmate, challenges the Missouri Department of Corrections' appropriation of good time credits to his sentence under Mo. Rev. Stat. § 558.041.

A federal court does not have jurisdiction to issue a writ of habeas corpus to a person in state custody unless the inmate "is in custody in violation of the Constitution or laws or treaties of the United States." 28 U.S.C. § 2241(c)(3); 28 U.S.C. § 2254(a). The instant petition challenges the manner that his sentence is being executed under state law. As a result, Petitioner's claim for relief is non-cognizable, and this Court lacks jurisdiction to grant the petition.

Finally, Petitioner has failed to demonstrate that jurists of reason would find it debatable whether his claims are cognizable. Thus, the Court will not issue a certificate of appealability. 28 U.S.C. ' 2253(c).

Accordingly,

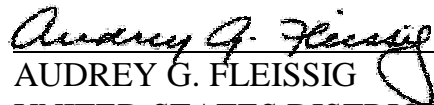
**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Petitioner's motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis [ECF No. 2] is **GRANTED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this action is **DISMISSED** for lack of jurisdiction.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Court will not issue a certificate of appealability.

A separate Order of Dismissal will be filed forthwith.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

  
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AUDREY G. FLEISSIG  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE